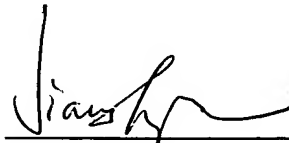


REMARKS

A new paragraph has been added immediately after the Title to contain cross-references to the prior patent applications. Claims 2-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-16 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly point and distinctly claim the invention. After these amendments are entered, eight (8) claims remain pending in this application. Their entry is therefore appropriate.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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